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SUBJ: VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB

REF: STATE 29250

1. WE ARE EXTREMELY PLEASED YOUR ITINERARY INCLUDES PNG, AND BELIEVE VISIT WILL BE MOST USEFUL. GPNG RESPONSE IS ALSO MOST ENTHUSIASTIC AS WOULD BE EXPECTED.
2. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU AND MIKE MICHAUD STAY AT RESIDENCE DURING YOUR VISIT.
3. WHILE GPNG RESPONSE IS MOST FAVORABLE, I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT GPNG AND BOUGAINVILLE SECESSIONIST LEADERS HAVE JUST ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO HOLD TALKS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 16, AND THIS COUPLED WITH UPCOMING SOUTH PACIFIC MINISTERIAL TALKS IN WELLINGTON IN EARLY MARCH COULD RESULT IN ABSENCE ONE OR MORE KEY PNG FIGURES DURING YOUR VISIT.
4. I HAVE INCLUDED TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND OPTIONS AVAILABLE DURING YOUR VISIT AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS.

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 29.

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1315 - ARRIVE PORT MORESBY QF 25; TO BE MET BY DFRT REP AND

MYSELF

1330 - LEAVE FOR RESIDENCE

1345 - ARRIVE RESIDENCE

1345 - 1430 - RELAX/REST/SWIM AT RESIDENCE

1500 - OPTION ONE: SIGHTSEEING BY CHARTERED NORMAN ISLANDER
AIRCRAFT (TWIN ENGINE) FOR ONE HOUR (RUBBER PLANTATIONS, CATTLE
RACHES, VARIRATA NATIONAL PARK, KOKODA TRAIL OF WORLD WAR II
FAME, PORT AND HARBOR).

OPTION TWO: SIGHTSEEING BY CAR IN PORT MORESBY.

OPTION THREE: GOLF

1630 - RETURN TO RESIDENCE

1730 - DRINKS AT RESIDENCE TO MEET A FEW MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT,
UNIVERSITY FACULTY, SENIOR MILITARY OFFICIALS - ABOUT 20 GUESTS

1915 - LEAVE FOR PNG HOSTED DINNER

1930 - SMALL DINNER HOSTED BY FONMIN KIKI OR FONSEC SIAGURU
(12 OR 14 GUESTS)

2230 - RETURN TO RESIDENCE

MONDAY - MARCH 1

0830 - 1130 - CALLS ON GOVERNOR GENERAL GUISE, PRIME MINISTER
SOMARE, FOREIGN MINISTER KIKI, FINANCE MINISTER CHAN, AND
FOREIGN SECRETARY SIAGURU AS AVAILABLE.

1130 - RETURN TO RESIDENCE

1200 - DEPART FOR AIRPORT

1230 - ARRIVE AIRPORT

1245 - AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE (IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HOLD
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PRESS CONFERENCE, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE ATTENDED BY REPS OF
RADIO, POST COURIER (LOCAL DAILY), AND A FEW AUSTRALIAN PAPERS).

1315 - DEPART FOR SYDNEY VIA QF 26.

5. SCHEDULING FOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON IS OF COURSE DEPENDENT
ON WEATHER. THIS IS RAINY SEASON. BAD WEATHER OPTIONS INCLUDE
REST, REVIEW OF SITUATION IN PNG, POSSIBLE VISIT TO PNG ARTIFACT

MUSEUM AND/OR ARTIFACT SHOPS.

6. WE ARE TOLD THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE LUNCH ON BOTH INCOMING AND OUTGOING QANTAS FLIGHTS AND CONSEQUENTLY HAVE NOT SCHEDULED LUNCHEONS ON EITHER OF THE TWO DAYS YOU WILL BE HERE.

7. MALARIA SUPPRESSANTS ARE RECOMMENDED AND SHOULD BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.

8. GPNG HAS ASKED WHETHER YOU WANT SECURITY PROTECTION DURING VISIT. WE DON'T BELIEVE IT IS NEEDED BUT YOU MAY WISH ACCEPT OFFER.

9. IF YOU EXPECT CABLES TO BE REPEATED HERE FOR YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE LET US KNOW IN ADVANCE SO WE CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH CANBERRA.
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